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SUBJ: OAS SPECIAL COMMITTEE: GENERAL DISCUSSION WINDS UP

SUMMARY: PERU, PANAMA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND ECUADOR WERE LAST NATIONS TO EXPRESS GENERAL VIEWS. MEASURED REMARKS OF PERU'S GARCIA BEDOYA, ALTHOUGH IN MANY WAYS A RESTATEMENT OF WHAT FOREIGN MINISTER DE LA FLOR HAD SAID EARLIER, ALSO EXPLICATED FURTHER ON CONCRETE PERUVIAN PROPOSALS FOR THOROUGH-GOING RESTRUCTURING OF INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM. COMMITTEE WORK BEGINS MONDAY, JULY 2. END SUMMARY.

1. SPEAKING AS HEAD OF PERUVIAN DELEGATION. GARCIA BEDOYA PAINTED BACKDROP FOR HIS DESIGN OF NEW OAS BY TRACING HISTORY OF TWO FORCES WHICH HAD "DISTORTED" RELATIONS BETWEEN POWERFUL UNITED STATES AND DISARRAYED, DISUNITED LATIN STATES:

- ONE WAS U.S. POLITICAL/ MILITARY DOMINATION, WHICH BEGAN AS INTERVENTION TO PROTECT U.S. INTERESTS WITHIN HEMISPHERE, THEN EVOLVED AS HEMISPHERIC DEFENSE SYSTEM IN SUPPORT OF WORLDWIDE U.S. POLITICAL AND IDEOLOGICAL IN-  
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- OTHER WAS EXPANSIVE U.S. ECONOMIC IMPERIALISM, FIRST AS CRUDE DIRECT PENETRATION AND MORE RECENTLY AS MORE SOPHISTICATED PATERNALISM OF GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY AND ALLIANCE FOR PROGRESS, AND LATELY MULTINATIONALS.

2. TODAY'S IMPERATIVE FOR LATIN AMERICA WAS TO UNITE IN COUNTERING BOTH FORCES IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE TRUE POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE AND GENUINE ECONOMIC COOPERATION. IN TERMS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE MANDATE, THIS COULD REPRESENT LAST CHANCE TO BUILD INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM UNITING U.S. AND LATIN AMERICA ON EQUITABLE BASIS. IF IT FAILED, TWO REGIONS WOULD PROBABLY GO SEPARATE WAYS IN FUTURE.

3. PROBLEM WAS HOW TO BUILD A SYSTEM WHICH ACCOMMODATES OPPOSING INTERESTS AND ESTABLISHES FIRM FOUNDATION OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE AND MUTUAL COOPERATION. IN PERU'S VIEW, THRUST OF REFORM EFFORT SHOULD AIM AT PURIFYING AND MODERNIZING CHARTER PRINCIPLES; AT TIGHTENING RIO TREATY TO ENSURE IT APPLIES ONLY TO ARMED ATTACK BY ONE HEMISPHERIC COUNTRY AGAINST ANOTHER AND EXTENDS TO ECONOMIC AGGRESSION AS WELL; AT CLOSELY LINKING INTER-AMERICAN SECURITY WITH PACT OF BOGOTA (PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES) AND U.N. MECHANISMS; AT ELIMINATING DOMESTIC LEGISLATION DESIGNED TO COERCE OTHER MEMBER STATES; AND AT DEVISING MECHANISM FOR ENSURING THAT FOREIGN INVESTMENT PRINCIPALLY BENEFITS RECIPIENT COUNTRY BUT ALSO RETURNS REASONABLE PROFITS TO INVESTORS.

4. IF THIS THRUST MET LATIN ASPIRATIONS AND WERE ACCEPTED BY U.S. AS REALISTIC BASIS FOR INTER-AMERICAN COEXISTENCE AND COOPERATION, PERU BELIEVED NEW SYSTEM COULD SHAPE UP AS FOLLOWS:

A) A PERMANENT POLITICAL COUNCIL, RESPONSIBLE FOR PEACEFUL RELATIONS, SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES, AND MILITARY AND ECONOMIC SECURITY--A STRENGTHENED COUNCIL BUT WITHOUT ITS ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGET FUNCTIONS.

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B) A PERMANENT DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, RESPONSIBLE FOR PROMOTING LATIN AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT (WITH EMPHASIS ON MUTUAL ASSISTANCE AMONG LATIN AMERICANS THEMSELVES); FOR CONSULTATION, NEGOTIATION, AND STUDY OF INTER-AMERICAN ECONOMIC RELATIONS; AND FOR LIAISON WITH IDB.

C) WITHIN EACH COUNCIL, A LATIN SUB-GROUP FOR

COORDINATING POLICIES TOWARD U.S.

D) ABOVE COUNCILS, A GENERAL ASSEMBLY WITH FULL POWER TO GIVE POLICY DIRECTION TO THEIR ACTIVITIES.

E) AND AS ADJUNCT TO ASSEMBLY, AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE FOR ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET, AND COORDINATION BETWEEN COUNCILS.

5. AIM OF PERU'S PROPOSALS, GARCIA BEDOYA CONCLUDED, WAS TO SHIFT INTER-AMERICAN POLITICAL FOCUS--ESPECIALLY THAT OF U.S. --AWAY FROM EXTRACONTINENTAL PREOCCUPATION TOWARD ACCUMULATED PROBLEMS OF "DISTORTED" RELATIONS AMONG HEMISPHERIC NEIGHBORS. CHALLENGE OF NEXT 25 YEARS WAS TO ACHIEVE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SECURITY OF LATIN AMERICA. TO THIS TASK, PERU INVITED RESPONSIBLE PARTICIPATION OF PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENTS OF BOTH U.S. AND LATIN AMERICA.

6. DOMINICAN STATEMENT WAS BRIEF AND GENERAL AND CALLED FOR FLEXIBILITY. PRINCIPLES OF SELF-DETERMINATION AND NON-INTERVENTION SHOULD CONSTITUTE THE CONCEPTUAL BASE FOR RESTRUCTURING OF SYSTEM.

7. PANAMA (PITTY) DELIVERED A LONG, SOMETIMES BITING STATEMENT (PARTICULARLY ABOUT OTHER LONG, RHETORICAL PRONOUNCEMENTS). HE ALLUDED TO CANAL, BUT RESERVED HIS BIGGEST GUNS FOR OAS SECRETARIAT, CALLING FOR ELIMINATION OF "FIGUREHEAD," ETC. PITTY ALSO DWELT ON ORGANIZATION OF COMMITTEE WORK AND PARTICULARLY CALLED FOR EXAMINATION OF PRINCIPLES OF SYSTEM IN LIGHT OF CHANGING WORLD AND HEMISPHERIC CONDITIONS. PITTY SAID BILATERALISM COULD NOT WORK AMONG UNEQUALS.

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8. ECUADOR (LEORO) WOUND UP GENERAL PRESENTATIONS. HE FOCUSED ON PRINCIPLES OF SYSTEM (FIRST NINE CHAPTERS OF CHARTER) AND NEED TO EXTEND CONCEPT OF ECONOMIC AGGRESSION TO RIO TREATY. PERHAPS LAYING BASIS FOR RELYING ON UNCTAD RESOLUTION, HE UNDERScoreD JUSTICE AND SECURITY UNDER FREE AND INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT OF AMERICAN STATES. SYSTEM HAD NO PLACE FOR "UNILATERAL INFLUENCES", A VEILED REFERENCE TO BANK. PACT OF BOGOTA (ON PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES) SHOULD BE REVISED AND, JUST AS IMPORTANT, PERMANENT COUNCIL BE GIVEN AMPLE FACILITIES TO PROMOTE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT, EITHER ON ITS OWN INITIATIVE OR ON REQUEST OF ONE OF PARTIES. RIO TREATY HAD BEEN MISUSED IN PAST AND ECUADOR WILLING TO CONSIDER CHANGE. HE CITED U.S.

RESPONSE TO TWO HUNDRED MILE DISPUTE AS VIOLATING  
ARTICLE 19 OF CHARTER (SEPARATELY HE CALLED FOR STUDY  
OF TWO HUNDRED MILE LIMIT AND LAW OF THE SEA).  
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